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The listed document, U.S. Patent 6,013,980, discloses a process for cleaning the electron-emitting device of a partially fabricated cathode-ray tube ("CRT") display, such as a partially fabricated flat-panel CRT display, using argon at a pressure in the vicinity of 10⁻⁴ -

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